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THE CASE FOR WHRC . . .

The proposed regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, which threaten, if put into effect, to force a complete shutdown of WHRC and many other college radio stations, do not seem to be either wise or particularly logical.

On the grounds that college broadcasting operates on crowded frequencies and with enough power to interfere with local reception of licensed commercial stations, the FCC has issued public notice proposing that low-power units, such as WHRC, be subject to the same restrictions and regulations which at present apply only to standard commercial stations. The enactment of such changes, without very considerable modification, would almost certainly mean the end of Haverford's radio station, since WHRC is not equipped, either technically or financially, to meet commercial requirements.

The first objection to the FCC proposals is that the interference caused by WHRC at present, on the campus or off, is next to nil. The local station nearest to WHRC on the broadcast band is Philadelphia's powerful WFIL, which the Haverford transmitter could not possibly drown out even if we wanted it to—which we do not. It is true that nighttime radio listeners, driving under the power lines along Railroad Avenue and accustomed to tuning in on a certain Cuban station, may be momentarily inconvenienced by WHRC. But so far as we know, no one has yet complained or is preparing to complain about this trifling situation.

As far as Haverford College itself is concerned, the loss of WHRC would be a serious one indeed. No one would claim that all Ford students rush from dinner to tune in at 580 on the dial for the rest of the evening, but a poll conducted by the station showed that about twenty to twenty-five percent of the possible audience listens to any one of the better shows and sports broadcasts.

In addition to their regular dramatic programs and broadcasts of classical music, WHRC from time to time carries out projects of exceptional service to the College. Two of these have been on-the-spot coverage of the Haverford Family Dinner and a play-by-play account of the Swarthmore basketball game at Swarthmore this year.

Even beyond these considerations must be remembered the valuable opportunity for worthwhile extra-curricular activity which a campus radio station affords. At present more than fifty students participate in WHRC activities. Their interest and satisfaction in presenting varied programs represent a training ground for radio, drama, and electronics—a help in the past to many WHRC alumni now at work in radio fields.

In view of these valuable services provided by WHRC and of the fact that so small a station can hardly harm any commercial interests, we urge anyone, alumnus or student, who feels he is in a position to write an influential letter, to let WHRC know his feelings immediately. If sufficient interest is shown, the Commission will hold openhearings on the subject. Then maybe the FCC will take what seems to us the much more intelligent course of approaching changes in college radio rules by adding requirements to the present regulations, rather than by having commercial broadcasting rules apply prohibitively to non-profit student radio stations.



Ford edges out Swarthmore in track.

Fair Weather on Spring Day

age, and the blossoming shrubs and trees were in full bloom. The campus showed itself at its best.

Guests Offered Many Activities

The program began at 10:00 in the morning when classes recessed. From 10:30 to 12:30 four distinguished members of the faculty presented full hour lectures on a variety of subjects. An outdoor buffet luncheon then concluded the morning program.

In the afternoon many departments opened their laboratories and classrooms to the guests, including the kitchen and the Morris Infirmary. The Treasure Room also presented a special exhibition of books and autographs. At 2:00 the baseball team played St. Joseph's, Haverford's tennis team took on the University of Delaware followed by an exhibition match, and the cricket team bowled and batted against Howard University. The track team met Swarthmore at their field, for those who cared to make the twenty minute trip.

At 3:00 the Music Department presented a program of student compositions.

Teas at Faculty Homes

The faculty invited guests to tea in five faculty homes at 4:30. The entire faculty was present, and students were given an opportunity to introduce their parents to their various professors.

A Cap and Bells production of

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Haverford rooters on edge until the last event, the Scarlet and Black track team defeated Swarthmore 68-58, for the first time since 1943. Coach Pop Haddleton's squad grabbed nine firsts to beat the Garnet and White for the first time this year in inter-collegiate competition.

An early Ford lead was whittled down by Swarthmore, reversed in their favor, merely to have the Fords lead again, fall behind, and finally tie the meet with only the discus and broad jump remaining.

Ev Jones, one of the greatest Haverford athletes ever to compete for the Scarlet and Black, led the Ford scoring with sixteen points by taking first in the broad jump and 220 yard dash, tying for first in the high jump, and sharing second in the century.

Eli Halpern, Haverford star sprinter, was second in Ford scoring, with two firsts and a third. Halpern, running his usual dynamic hundred, broke the tape in his best clocking of the season, 10 seconds flat.

Swarthmoreans suffered bitter disappointment as 1 mile M.A.S. champion Bill Battin, managed to grind out a second place in the mile behind Haverford Capt. Jim Grosholtz, who led the flailing Battin by 50 yards.

The last three events put the Fords ahead as Halpern won the hurdles, Ev Jones the 220 yard dash, and Capt. Grosholtz the half mile. The Scarlet and Black was forced to a temporary tie when Swarthmore placed all of her men in the pole vault. With just the discus and broad jump remaining, the Fords took three firsts, a second, and a third to win the meet.

Summary

100 yard dash — 1) Halpern (H); 2) tie between Ev Jones (H) and Van Deusen (S). Time: 0.10.

220 yard dash — 1) Jones (H); 2) Van Deusen (S); 3) Halpern (H). Time: 23.4.

440 yard dash — 1) Tietz (S); 2) Spaulding (S); 3) Van Deusen (S). Time 0:52.

880 yard run — 1) Grosholtz (H); 2) Battin (S); 3) Tietz (S). Time: 1:57.4.

1 mile — 1) Grosholtz (H); 2) Battin (S); 3) Bell (H). Time: 4:28.2.

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